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**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-34 (canceled).

Claim 35 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim ~~[[4]]~~ 38, wherein said cover comprises at least two strands wrapped in opposite twist directions around said core yarn.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 38, wherein said cover comprises said ~~fluid-soluble strand and said elastomeric strand~~ metallic wire.

Claim 37 (canceled).

Claim 38 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to ~~claim 12~~, wherein intended for subsequent processing into a metallic fabric suitable for fabrication, comprising a composite yarn comprising:

- (a) a metallic wire for providing cut resistance;
- (b) a fluid-soluble strand for dissolving after formation of the intermediate fabric product;
- (c) an elastomeric strand for retaining a predetermined shape of the intermediate fabric product after said fluid-soluble strand is dissolved; and
- (d) wherein said composite yarn comprises a core and a cover wrapped around said core, said core comprises comprising said fluid-soluble strand.

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Claim 39 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 42 38, wherein said core further comprises ~~said metallic wire~~ and said elastomeric strand, and ~~said cover comprises said fluid-soluble strand~~.

Claim 40 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 42 39, wherein said core comprises ~~said fluid-soluble strand~~ and said elastomeric strand, and said cover comprises said metallic wire.

Claim 41 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 38, wherein said fluid-soluble strand is selected from the group consisting of co-nylon, polylactic acid and polyvinyl alcohol alcohol.

Claim 42 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 38, wherein said elastomeric strand comprises Spandex.

Claim 43 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 38, wherein said elastomeric strand comprises rubber.

Claim 44 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 42, wherein said elastomeric strand has a denier of between 10 and 1040.

Claim 45 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 38, wherein said cover comprises a water-soluble, multi-filament yarn having a denier of between 20 and

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Claim 46 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 38, wherein said cover comprises a water-soluble, 48 filament yarn having a denier of about 760.

Claim 47 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 38, wherein said metallic wire comprises a multi-filament stainless steel wire.

Claim 48 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 47, wherein said multi-filament stainless steel wire has a diameter of between 0.0008 to 0.014 inch.

Claim 49 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 38, wherein said intermediate fabric product comprises knitted fabric.

Claim 50 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 38, wherein said cover comprises said metallic wire and said elastomeric strand.